

S. S. GORDON INJURED.

Thrown From His Horse in Upper Astoria and Badly Injured.

While S. S. Gordon was riding horseback yesterday afternoon in Upper Astoria, and when coming around the curve by the Astoria Box Company, his horse stumbled and fell, throwing Mr. Gordon off and possibly falling on him. Mr. W. E. Tallent was driving along at the time and picked Mr. Gordon up and took him to the hospital. Dr. Fulton was called. It was found that he suffered a severe fracture of the bones in the left elbow, besides receiving many scratches and bruises on his face and head. It is not thought it will be necessary to amputate the arm, but Dr. Fulton is of the opinion that it will always be stiff. Mr. Gordon did not complain of much pain and submitted to treatment without a murmur. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Shipping News.

The steamer Acme sailed yesterday for San Francisco.

The steamer Alliance sails this morning from the Callendar dock for Eureka via Coos Bay.

The schooner Monterey, in tow of the tug Dauntless, left San Francisco for this port yesterday.

The Asiatic liner Arabia is en route with a cargo of gunny sacks and new tea. She is due in Astoria on the 21st.

The lighthouse tender Manzanita leaves out this morning for a cruise up the coast. She will go as far north as Umatilla Reef lightship, where she will put Capt. Peaterson aboard the ship.

The proposition of the Anderson & Crowe Company and Andrew Allen to raise the steamer Geo. W. Elder has not been accepted yet by the underwriters in London, although word to that effect is expected momentarily.

The Italian barks Rosalia d'Ali and Gabriele d'Ali were added to the over due list Saturday with reinsurance at 8 percent; the former is out 133 days today from New York for Anjer and the latter 132 days from Antofagasta for Hamburg.

The British bark Primrose, which has been at San Francisco for several weeks discharging a small portion of her cargo brought out from Europe, left for this port this morning, after discharging freight consigned to Meyer, Wilson &

Co. The vessel will load lumber for Australia.

The cruiser Marblehead left San Francisco yesterday for the Lewis and Clark fair. This should bring the cruiser into the river by Friday morning at the latest. Cruisers Boston and Chicago have not been reported as having sailed as yet. They will probably follow close upon the Marblehead.

Lumber trogers are again crowding in to the harbor and in a few days the mill wharves will be lined with fore-and aft rigged carriers loading the product of the Oregon forests. The demand for lumber in Southern California is steadily increasing, and reports from there state that new yards are springing up in many places in the outskirts of growing towns and cities. San Pedro, Redondo and Port Los Angeles are the distributing points and from there the lumber goes by rail into different sections of the interior.

The fact that the territories of Arizona and New Mexico have taken on an added spirit of growth lately, largely due to the wonderful change from aridity that has taken place in their climate within a year or a little more, and which has changed them from bare brown plains to great fields of wonderful verdure, with indications of most fertile soil where not so very long ago it was thought hardly that the land would ever be anything but a barren series of cactus plains, gulches and mountains, all counts vastly to the benefit of the millowners in this section and north, as does a steady increase in the population of the cities of Lower California. Southern mills, of the Mississippi valley have been unable to supply the demand from Southern Arizona and New Mexico, and now that the product from the northern coast has gained a foothold it is regarded likely that a permanent market has been established.

Annual School Election.

The annual school election for District No. 1 occurs on June 19 at which time there is one director to be elected for five years. P. J. Goodman, the retiring director, declines to accept a re-nomination, and a petition was circulated yesterday asking Jas. W. Welch to accept the position which he will no doubt do. Mr. Goodman has been a true and tried friend of the schools and his retirement is to be regretted.

Dynamite was found in the heel of the slipper of a Portland woman. How would you like to be her little boy?

HIGH ASSESSMENTS

Laws of Assessment and Taxation Violated by Assessors.

INJURIOUS TO THE COUNTY

People Will Not Locate in a County Where the Assessment is Five per cent and in Astoria it Retards the Improvement of Many Streets.

Attention has been called to a wilful violation of the laws of Oregon by county assessors. With the exception of two or three counties which have recently complied with the laws of Oregon, not one county observes the intent and spirit of the provisions of the statutes. For the benefit of the assessors who do not observe the law, it provides as follows:

Bellinger and Cotton Code, section 3057, provides: "and said lands or town lots shall be valued at their true cash value. * * * True cash value shall be held to mean the amount such property would sell for at a voluntary sale made in the ordinary course of business. Section 3071, of the same code, provides: "The assessor shall set down in the assessment roll in separate columns and according to the best information he can obtain, the full cash value of each parcel of land taxed. Subdivision 3. The full tax value of all taxable property owned by or to be taxed to such person as provided by law."

The assessor, upon entering into his office, subscribes to an oath that he will perform the duties of his office according to law. Does he do it? If he does not, why does he violate his oath of office? Is it because it is the practice of the county assessors throughout the state to violate their oath of office? The assessment and taxation laws of Oregon have been amended several times but the portion relative to assessing property at its true cash value has never been amended. It was enacted to be enforced. Do the county assessors believe themselves higher and greater and above the laws of the land? It is evident that most assessors regard their oath as merely fiction. There are many people who believe that if the values of the property are increased the county would be compelled to pay a larger amount of state tax. This belief is not true.

Bellinger and Cotton code, section 3091, Subdivision 4, provides: "By the 15th of January of each year the county clerks of the several counties in this state shall prepare upon a blank from prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state, a concise statement of all the expenses of his county for the preceding year, except expenses for roads and highways, which statement shall be certified by him as clerk of such county and forwarded to the secretary of state, and a duplicate of such placed on file in the office of the secretary of state, the average amount of expenditures in each county during a period of five years and each county shall pay such proportion of said state taxes as its average amount of expenditure for said period bears to the total amount of expenditures in all of the counties of the state, such computation to be made by said state officers in January, 1905, and in January in each fifth year thereafter."

After reading the above sections of the laws of this state, it is plain that the amount of taxable property in the county has no relation whatever to the state taxes. It will also be seen that the state tax was apportioned among the several counties last January for a period of five years and will be continued to be so apportioned every five years until the law is repealed. We believe this law will not be repealed soon, for the reason that it is the best that has yet been devised. It encourages frugality in county expenditures and encourages road building by excluding such expenditures from the clerk's annual statement of expenditures.

The total valuation of all property in Clatsop county is about four million dollars. It exceeds twelve millions. The annual assessment of taxes is about five per cent. If property were assessed at its actual cash value, the levy would not be two per cent. Property owners would not pay one cent more of taxes; it would require no more money to run city and county government, and the law would be complied with. It is published in the government census reports that Clatsop county has a population of 8,381. The total value of all property, both real and personal, is \$4,235,687 and the tax levy is 50 mills. Where is there a man in the east that will locate in a county where there is but four million dollars' worth of property



DOLLARS

You will save by buying that suit of clothes here. Perhaps you have laid away a twenty spot for a suit. Well, see what others will show you for your twenty, then look at our line for \$17.50. There's no difference except two dollars and a half in your favor.

VARSITY - SACK

The accompanying cut shows one of our varsity sacks with a full broad shoulder; body fitting and vented seams. A very stylish garment throughout

\$17.50 a Suit

DON'T FAIL

to inspect our two piece suits in serges and mixtures at

\$10.00 to \$18.00

P. A. Stokes

Keeps a Dressy Shop for Dressy Men.



and the taxes are 50 mills? They don't know what the property is assessed at, neither does the government that compiles the census returns. It is not at all strange that there has not one single farmer located in Clatsop county in the past five years. It is about time that the law was enforced.

R. M. Gaston carries a full line of farm implements, also wagons, buggies and farming tools of all kinds. 105 Fourteenth street.

EXPOSITION HOTELS

Worth Investigation By All Who Intend to Visit Portland Fair.

REASONABLE PRICES PREVAIL

There has been much rumor as to the exorbitant prices charged by the Portland hotel keepers. It is true that for the occasion, like in all other exposition cities throughout the world in the past, a number of large fire-traps have come into existence, whose owners are in the business to get out of it all they can, while it lasts.

To the credit of leading hotelkeepers it may be said, however, that they take care of their regular patrons in the same courteous manner as has been their habit previous to the opening of the fair.

At the Imperial hotel, which is still under the same efficient management as heretofore, Mr. Phil Mentschan, its popular host, told a representative of this paper on Tuesday that prices at his hotel had not been advanced, except in the case of a few of the very best rooms, while its former regular patrons can always have accommodations at its former prices by giving notice of an intended visit sufficiently in advance, to enable the managers of the Imperial Hotel to make desired reservations. With the on-rush of so many strangers to the Rose City, regular patrons should not expect to find rooms at this popular hostelry without giving due notice a day or two in advance, as the Imperial

has absolutely no connection with any other hotel or rooming house in Portland and relies largely upon regular patronage for the present as well as the future.

DOING THEIR DUTY.

Scores of Astoria Readers are Learning the Duty of Their Kidneys. To filter the blood is the kidneys' duty.

When they fail to do this the kidneys are sick.

Backache and kidney ills follow. Urinary trouble, diabetes.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure the mail. J. Blake, whose place of residence is 525 Market street, Portland, says: "I bought several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and I scarcely think if the first had not proved satisfactory that I would have tried the second and third. I have used almost everything said to be a cure for weakened kidneys and bladder but nothing ever gave me the satisfaction I received from Doan's Kidney Pills. They are easy to take, have no effect upon the stomach or bowels and act directly upon the kidneys. I thoroughly believe from the results I received and also from observation that Doan's Kidney Pills are one preparation on the market which acts directly as represented."

Emphatic endorsement can be had right here in Astoria. Drop into Chas. Rogers' drug store and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other

The Hess restaurant, on Eleventh street, is considered the family restaurant of Astoria. The best meals and the best service in Astoria, 120 Eleventh street.

The FOARD & STOKES CO.

Special Hosiery Sale!

Saturday, June 10th,

10 to 12 a. m.

On Saturday morning between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock we place on sale one hundred and fifty dozen pairs of

LADIES' - HOSE

They were bought by us direct from the manufacturer at an unusually low price and our patrons will profit by our purchase. They are worth 15 to 20 cents the pair. While they last you can take one or as many pairs as you like at the remarkably low prices of

5c THE PAIR.

See Window Display.

The Foard & Stokes Co.

Astoria's Greatest Store.

Where New Things Make Their Debut



THE MONTH OF JUNE

gives everybody a chance to array themselves in

WHITE AND LIGHT COLORED DRESSES.

We have just received a large consignment of pretty white and colored wash materials which we are placing on sale this week at unusually low prices.

If you are going to the fair, any one of these materials will make a cheap and dressy garment. Better see them early and make your selection.

A WHITE ARRAY

SOFT FINISH DUCK, the kind that lends itself to folds and pleats, width 36 inches, 12 1/2 and 14c a yard.

WHITE PIQUES, corduroy effect, makes pretty dresses and waists, 12 1/2, 20, 25 and 30c the yard.

FANCY OXFORDS, a dainty white material, especially adapted for dressy shirt waists, 12 1/2, 15 and 20c a yard.

WHITE LINEN, 36 inch wide, good washable article, 25c a yard.

SUPERIOR SHIRT WAIST LINEN, Irish manufacture, 36 inch wide, 30c a yard.

Heavy Linen, a tough serviceable material, wears like iron, 40c a yard.

Fancy Dress Materials.

SANS SOUCI BATISTE A dainty white lawn material, with elegant color effects. No better goods made at this price; makes nice summer dresses. A lot of pretty patterns just received. Price, the yard, 12 1/2 cents.

MERCERIZED SHIRT WAIST SATEENS 31 inch width, neat little figured effects in staple colors. In two grades. A yard, 14 and 15c.



Now is Oxford Time

To our customers who know the character and quality of our goods, the prices quoted below will appeal very strongly. To those who are not our customers we can only say this is a good chance for you to become acquainted with us and our goods and save yourself money. Just notice the prices we have made.

Women's Tan Oxfords in calf skin, made with welt, new lasts, \$3.50 and \$3.00
Women's Button Oxfords, made with welt, \$3.50
Women's Tan Oxfords, blucher cut - - \$2.50
Oxfords for Children and Young Ladies, the famous Steel Shod line \$1.75 to \$2.25
Girls and Children's Tan Oxfords in calf and kid, \$1.50 and \$2.00
Barefoot Sandals cut in new patterns, that will not cause sore toes, Children's, 90c, Misses, \$1; Women's \$1.35.

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The Leading Shoe Dealers.